

## **Maureen Beauregard**

### **President & Founder, Families in Transition**

Maureen Beauregard is the President and Founder of Families in Transition. She started the agency nearly 20 years ago working with five homeless women and their children and has grown the agency to where it is today, serving over 170 families and 180 children on each given night. She is responsible for oversight of all aspects of the agency, including programmatic, financial, fund raising, project development, and policies.

Prior employment includes working for the State of New Hampshire, Division for Children Youth & Families as a social worker working with abused and neglected families. She also worked for Phoenix East as a substance abuse counselor in a halfway house.

Maureen earned her Bachelors of Science Degree in Child and Family Studies from the University of New Hampshire. She is a graduate of Leadership New Hampshire.

Currently, she sits on the Board of Directors of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce and is an Advisory Board Member of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundations Manchester Region. Maureen is the Chairperson of the Manchester Continuum of Care, is on the Governing Council of Housing Action New Hampshire, and is the Chairperson of the New Hampshire Inter-agency Council on Homelessness.

Over her career, Maureen has been granted numerous awards including the YMCA Susan B. Anthony Award, NASW Citizen of the Year Award, Pastoral Counseling's Good Samaritan Award, Citizens Bank Good Citizens Award, Girl's Inc.'s Woman of Achievement Award, NH Commission on the Status of Women – Women's Recognition Award, NH Business Review's Business Excellence Award and the Key to The City of Manchester by Mayor Robert Baines. In 2011, she was named one of six Outstanding Women in Business by the New Hampshire Business Review.

## **Jim Bouley**

### **Mayor, Concord, NH**

Jim Bouley is the Mayor of Concord. Jim is also a partner in Dennehy & Bouley, and has more than 20 years of political/governmental experience in New Hampshire. The consummate "insider" in New Hampshire, Bouley brings his special skills to bear for the firm's wide client base. His talents have brought success to innumerable client projects.

A 1988 graduate of University of New Hampshire, he has been involved in the political world since the start of his career. Jim has managed lobbying, grassroots and political action committee activities for business clients, not for profit organizations and trade associations.

In 2004, Jim was named to The Union Leader's 40 Under Forty, as an important figure to watch in the Granite State.

In November 2007, Jim was elected Mayor of Concord, New Hampshire. Prior to running for the Mayor, he served 10 years on the Concord city council. Jim is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Capitol Center for the Arts and The Local Government Center.

## **Howard Brodsky**

### **Co-Founder, Chairman & Co-Chief Executive Officer, CCA Global Partners**

Howard Brodsky is Co-founder, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of CCA Global Partners, one of the largest privately held companies in the United States and the second largest private company in the state of New Hampshire. CCA is comprised of 14 affiliated companies with aggregated sales of over 10 billion.

Brodsky has been the recipient of many prestigious awards throughout his career. One of Brodsky's notable accomplishments was being inducted into the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame along with such people as Michael Dell and Starbucks' Howard Schultz. Other accomplishments include Retail Entrepreneur of the Year from the international accounting and consulting firm Ernst & Young and the NASDAQ Stock Exchange, National Retailer of the Year by the National Congress of Floor Covering Associations, induction into the World Floor Covering Industry Hall of Fame, and the Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative Award of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. He has been named to *HFN*'s "Power 100," a list of the top executives who influence the home furnishings industry, from Wal-Mart's Lee Scott to former Federal Reserve Board Chair Alan Greenspan.

Brodsky's most recent accomplishment was his induction into the Cooperative Hall of Fame, established by the National Cooperative Business Association to recognize individuals and companies who make unparalleled contributions in advancement of the principles of cooperation in the United States. The first person to win that award was Benjamin Franklin and Vice President Hubert Humphrey received that prestigious award as well.

Brodsky is Vice Chairman and on the board and executive committee of the Floor Covering Industry Foundation (FCIF), a charitable organization founded in 1980 with a mission to financially assist floor covering industry colleagues who experience catastrophic illnesses/injuries, severe disabilities, or other life-altering hardships. Most recently, Brodsky was named New Hampshire Business Leader of the Year by *Business New Hampshire* magazine.

Brodsky is Chairman of the New Hampshire Better Business Bureau, the founder of the Social Entrepreneurship Student Leadership program for high school and college students, which fosters social responsibility and community involvement. He also serves on the Elliot Hospital Board of Trustees, the Board of the Palace Theatre in Manchester, NH, and the Board of the National Cooperative Business Association.

In his "spare" time, Brodsky serves his community as a justice of the peace, performing wedding ceremonies. To date, he has a perfect record in this arena; the more than two-dozen marriages he has performed all remain intact.

## **Tom Burack**

### **Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services**

Tom Burack has served as the Commissioner of the NH Department of Environmental Services since November 2006. He has focused the department on providing exceptional customer service in all of its programs while also addressing the new environmental challenges of climate change and the transition to a clean energy economy, as well as ensuring that the state's natural resources are managed in a sustainable manner as the state grows.

Nominated by Governor John Lynch, he had previously been an attorney in private law practice, representing a wide range of businesses, institutions and individuals in environmental, health and safety, and energy matters. Since its formation in 2008, Tom has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, Inc. and Chair of its Audit Committee. Tom served as the Chair of the Governor's Climate Change Policy Task Force, which completed development of the New Hampshire Climate Action Plan in March 2009. Tom now serves as Chair of the New Hampshire Energy and Climate Collaborative, a voluntary collaboration of government, private sector and nonprofit/educational sector leaders working to leverage opportunities for and remove barriers to implementation of the most significant recommendations in New Hampshire's Climate Action Plan that will secure the State's energy, environmental and economic future.

At the national level, in September 2011 Tom was elected President of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), a non-profit, non-partisan association of state and territorial agency leaders whose purpose is to improve the capability of state environmental agencies and their leaders to protect and improve human health and the environment. Tom previously served as Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and as Vice Chair of the Planning Committee for ECOS.

Prior to joining DES, Tom was an active participant in the NH Business & Industry Association's environmental programs and also served as chair and a member of the boards of directors of both the NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program and the Audubon Society of New Hampshire.

Tom graduated Dartmouth College and the University of Virginia School of Law, and is a Harry S. Truman Scholar.

## **Senator Sharon Carson**

### **State Senator, New Hampshire**

Senator Sharon Carson is the chair of the Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee. After serving four terms as a State Representative from Londonderry and Auburn, Senator Carson was elected to the Senate in 2008. She served three terms on the House Education Committee, the last as the Senior Republican Policy Advisor. She also has served on the House Ways and Means Committee, the House Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services Committee and Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Senator Carson has served on the Rockingham County Delegation's Executive Committee for two terms as the Chair of the Registry of Deeds.

A native New Englander, Senator Carson was born in Maine, raised in Connecticut, and has deep family ties with New Hampshire. Senator Carson graduated from Mount Wachusett Community College with a degree in laboratory technology and earned a Bachelors and Masters degree in American history from the University of New Hampshire. She was awarded a doctoral scholarship from UNH, has taken and passed her doctoral exams in American History and is currently working on her dissertation.

Senator Carson is an adjunct faculty member at Nashua Community College where she has taught a variety of classes in history. She also has taught at the University of New Hampshire. Senator Carson is a veteran. She is a retired Sergeant First Class from the United States Army Reserve.

## **Christopher Clement**

### **Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Transportation**

Christopher Clement is the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. As Commissioner, Clement oversees a \$700 million transportation agency of over 1,600 employees with the daily mission of transportation excellence that enhances the quality of life in New Hampshire.

Commissioner Clement was sworn in as Commissioner of Transportation on September 14, 2011. He has an extensive leadership background in both the private and public sectors. He previously served as Deputy Commissioner of the NHDOT from July 2008 to February 2010. Prior to becoming NHDOT Commissioner, Chris Clement was the Director of the Governor's Office of Economic Stimulus.

Commissioner Clement has extensive experience in the creation and implementation of strategic approaches to lean business processes, working with cross-functional work teams, and the development of strategic initiatives and meaningful performance measures. His private sector experience included 19 years with Goss International, Inc. of Dover, New Hampshire, where he began as a Design Engineer and rose to the position of Director of Global Printing Press Product Management.

A New Hampshire native, Commissioner Clement earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology from the University of New Hampshire, and a Masters Degree of Business Administration from the New Hampshire College Graduate School of Business.

## **Ed Dupont**

### **President & Founder, The Dupont Group**

Ed Dupont is the President and Founder of the The Dupont Group. Ed is the former President of the NH State Senate, who chaired a government reform commission in the early 1990s. His career as an elected official includes five successful terms in the New Hampshire State Senate beginning in 1983 and ending in 1992. While in the Senate, Ed served as Senate Majority Leader and Vice-Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. As a member of the Finance Committee and chairman of other standing committees, Ed developed an extensive knowledge of utility, technology and banking issues. Ed co-chaired the joint Senate/House Committee that developed the first comprehensive reorganization of state government in over twenty years. His efforts led to the consolidation of several state agencies, including the creation of a new Department of Environmental Services.

In 1990, Ed was elected President of the Senate. During his term as Senate President, he established and chaired the first standing legislative committee on economic development in New Hampshire history. Under his leadership, the Legislature adopted initiatives to stimulate capital formation, established the state's economic development fund, provided research and development assistance for emerging companies and reformed the state's Business Profits Tax (BPT) to include tax credits for job creation and capital investment.

Ed attended the University of New Hampshire and after finishing his studies founded Strafford Fuels, Inc., a distributor of petroleum products and services located in Rochester, New Hampshire.

Ed has served on the boards of a number of organizations including Martin's Point Health Care Finance/Investment and Human Resources Compensation Committees. Ed is currently on the Board of Managers at Merchantbanc, a venture capital firm based in Manchester, NH. In June of this year, Ed stepped down as Chair of the University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees, but remains an integral part of the University System and serves on the UNH School of Law Board of Directors. Ed has had a life-long interest in aviation and is an instrument rated private pilot.

## **Jon Freeman**

### **President, Northern Community Investment Corporation**

Jon Freeman is the President of Northern Community Investment Corporation. NCIC's mission is to strengthen businesses and mature businesses, communities and employment opportunities across Northern New Hampshire and Northeastern Vermont.

Since 1975, NCIC has loaned over \$100 million to businesses, while leveraging an additional \$350 million from other sources, helping to retain in excess of 10,000 jobs, while creating more than 5,000 new jobs. NCIC has helped many of these business get access to technical assistance, ranging from accounting and marketing to business coaching and website development.

Previously, Jon was a Business Councilor at the Vermont Small Business Development Center, Director of Engineering at Bowe Systec, CEO at Gunther International and Engineer/QA Supervisor at Harris Graphics.

Jon's education includes Thames Valley State Technical College and Roger Williams University.

## **Eric Herr**

### **Member, New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Board of Directors**

Eric Herr is a member of the NH Charitable Foundation Board of Directors. He is currently involved in a wide variety of commercial and pro bono activities. He chairs the board of directors of WNS, a NYSE traded India-based business process outsourcing firm. He is a member of the board and chairs the audit committee of Regulatory Data Corporation in Wilmington, Delaware.

Since retiring in 1999 as president and COO of Autodesk, he has served as board chair of Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth, board member of Project Adventure, national volunteer chair for programs and services at the American Red Cross, and a CASA guardian ad litem. He has also chaired three New Hampshire state government commissions on information technology strategy, judicial branch innovation and business-government relations in the state.

Previous professional experience includes hardware information technology, consulting, publishing, and government service on the staff of the President's Council of Economic Advisors. He also formerly chaired an innovation commission for the New Hampshire Judicial Branch.

## **Linda Hodgdon**

### **Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services**

Linda Hodgdon is the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services. Commissioner Hodgdon received her appointment as the Commissioner of Administrative Services March 5, 2008. She was then re-nominated for a new four year term July 1, 2012.

She has worked in state government for 28 years, having worked for three Governors and in four state agencies during that time. Commissioner Hodgdon has worked in the offices of Governor Sununu, Shaheen and Lynch, having been budget director for the last two. Some of the other positions Commissioner Hodgdon held include the Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Justice, the Medicaid Finance Director at DHHS, starting up the Office of Improvement and Integrity at DHHS, the Turnpike Comptroller for the \$550 million capital expansion of the Turnpike System and the Bureau Administrator for Information Technology at DOT prior to its statewide centralization.

Primary objectives that cascade throughout Commissioner Hodgdon's employment with the state are improvements in Business Processes, Customer Service and Accountability. Commissioner Hodgdon strives to provide accurate information to decision makers that simplify complex processes and allow for meaningful discussions.

## **Mark Huddleston**

### **President, University of New Hampshire**

Mark Huddleston is the President of the University of New Hampshire, elected on April 18, 2007. Huddleston received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University at Buffalo, The State University of New York in 1972. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1973 and 1978 respectively.

He has worked extensively in Bosnia and Kazakhstan for USAID and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Europe. He also has managed programs for the United States Information Agency in Slovenia, Mexico, Botswana, South Africa, and Zimbabwe. He has published several articles on consensus building in higher education, and several books on the American civil service. Huddleston took up the position at UNH after stepping away from his post as the 15th president of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Huddleston specializes in public administration, a field in which he has published widely, focusing on the senior federal career service and a variety of international issues. Before going to Ohio Wesleyan, Huddleston served in the faculty of the University of Delaware for 24 years, ultimately as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Huddleston has been an active consultant for both the U.S. government and international organizations in the past. He worked previously in the Balkans, southern Africa, and central and southeast Asia. He gained international development experience in Bosnia as an advisor on rebuilding financial and administrative infrastructures following the Dayton Accords.

## **Diana Lacey**

### **President, State Employees' Association of New Hampshire**

Diana Lacey is the President of the State Employees' Association of New Hampshire. Diana is a New Hampshire native and a 20-year state employee of the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Eight years of her state service have included contract administration. In that capacity, she has worked with public and private partners, and key stakeholders regarding public services for NH's most vulnerable citizens.

As the Chairperson of the SEA's Collective Bargaining Team, she has spearheaded state employee contract negotiations for five years and labors tirelessly for the state's working men and women.

In 2010, Diana was elected President of the State Employees' Association of NH, SEIU Local 1984 and was re-elected to a second two-year term in 2012. She is the first full-time female president of the 73 year-old organization.

Diana is a strong advocate for responsible state budgets that are needed to make the 'Granite State' a place for NH families and businesses to thrive. Over the years, she has been very committed to advocacy work related to marriage equality and healthcare reform. She frequently positions herself as a voice for change through labor/management relationships and enhanced civic engagement.

Diana also serves as a member of the Service Employees International Union's (SEIU) Executive Board. SEIU is the fastest-growing union in North America. The labor organization is focused on three sectors to improve workers' lives and the services they provide – healthcare workers, property services workers, and public services workers.

## **Dianne Mercier**

### **President, People's United Bank New Hampshire**

Dianne Mercier has served as People's United Bank President for New Hampshire since 2009. Previously, Dianne served as Senior Vice President and Group Manager for commercial lending at Ocean Bank. She also held a series of positions at Citizens Bank, including State Director of Community Banking, Commercial Lender and Credit Department Manager. Prior to joining Citizens, she was Operations Manager for First NH Bank.

Dianne holds a Bachelor's degree in marketing from Southern New Hampshire University.

## **John Morison III**

### **Chairman, Hitchiner Manufacturing**

John Morison III is the Chairman of Hitchiner Manufacturing. John was educated in Lyndeborough, New Hampshire public schools and the Northfield Mount Hermon School. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1976 with a B.A. in economics, and started his career as an inside sales representative in the Stellite Division, Cabot Corporation. In 1978, Morison became regional sales manager in France, became regional sales manager in Brazil in 1980 and then for all of Latin America in 1981. He joined Hitchiner in 1983 as production control manager of the Ferrous Division. He became director, new business development in 1985 and, in 1991 became vice president, sales and marketing. In 1994 John became President, international and in February of 1995 he was appointed President and CEO. In May 2002 he was appointed Chairman.

## **Robert Oden**

### **Chairman, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Board of Trustees**

Robert Oden is the Chairman of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center Board of Trustees. Robert, a resident of Hanover and former Professor of Religion at Dartmouth, retired in 2010 after eight years as President of Carleton College, a highly respected liberal arts college in Northfield, MN. Prior to that, he served for seven years as President of Kenyon College in Gambier, OH, and, from 1989-95, as head of school of the Hotchkiss preparatory school in Lakeville, CT.

Under his leadership, Carleton's faculty completed its first systematic curriculum review in 50 years, shaping the college as a leader in accenting creativity and inventiveness throughout the curriculum. While student enrollment was held stable, Carleton increased its faculty ranks by adding 15 tenure-track faculty positions during Oden's presidency. He also headed a successful \$300 million capital campaign for Carleton, and during his time there, increased the endowment from about \$400 million to more than \$700 million.

Robert has undergraduate degrees from both Harvard College and Cambridge University, where he was a Marshall Scholar, and a PhD in Near Eastern Languages from Harvard. From 1975-89, he was a Professor of Religion at Dartmouth College, where he received Dartmouth's first Distinguished Teaching Award. In addition to his leadership of the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Boards, he is a Trustee of the American University in Cairo and the American Schools of Oriental Research. He has served as Director of a major mutual fund since 1997.

## **Timothy Ranney**

### **Strategic Finance Executive & Volunteer Business Leader & Partner to the Vice President of Disaster Services, American Red Cross**

Timothy Ranney is the Strategic Finance Executive and Volunteer Business Leader and Partner to Vice President, Disaster Services, American Red Cross, Washington, DC.

Tim has twenty-five years of experience as a Chief Financial Officer with start-ups, turnarounds and rapidly growing companies in the fields of healthcare, technology, information services, publishing, telecommunications and supply chain management. Five of these companies were either successfully sold or merged with other entities and one was publicly-traded. He has been instrumental in re-positioning companies in the marketplace, creating strategic plans, establishing new pricing and partnering with all levels of management to translate organizational objectives into action plans that achieve results. He has also played a key role in raising capital through private placements, participating in investor roadshows and interfacing with the investment community.

Tim is currently a strategic and financial advisor to several technology startups. Since 2011 he has been the Volunteer Business Leader and Partner to the Vice President, Disaster Services at the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C., providing leadership, counsel, financial modeling and risk management expertise for several on-going national initiatives including Disaster Workforce Planning, Inventory Planning, and Emergency Sheltering Resourcing and Logistics. His expertise is designing detailed, sophisticated, financial models to accurately forecast resource requirements for national disaster scenarios. In 2012 he was also appointed to the National Disaster Advisory Council where he contributes to the review, analysis and forming recommendations for disaster programs.



Tim earned his MBA in Banking and Finance from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio and has a BBA in Finance and Investments from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

## **Kristyn Van Ostern**

### **Director of Strategy, Community College System of New Hampshire**

Kristyn Van Ostern is the Director of Strategy for the Community College System of New Hampshire. Van Ostern is the former Senior Manager, Strategy and Finance at Timberland, previously served as the Budget Director for Governor John Lynch and as Finance Director on Governor's Lynch's campaign. She received her Masters degree from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and her Bachelor's degree from Connecticut College.

## **Pamela Walsh**

### **Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Maggie Hassan**

Pamela Walsh is the Chief of Staff for the Office of Governor Maggie Hassan. Walsh previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor John Lynch and as Press Secretary for Governor Jeanne Shaheen. She received her bachelor's degree from Northeastern University in Boston.

## **Representative Lucy Weber**

### **State Representative, New Hampshire**

Representative Lucy Weber is the Chair of the House Executive Departments and Administration Committee. Rep. Weber is serving her fourth term, now representing the Connecticut River towns of Hinsdale, Chesterfield, Westmoreland and her home town of Walpole. Former occupations include teaching in the Lebanon School District, practicing law as a Vermont attorney in Brattleboro, and owning the Walpole Inn. She earned her bachelor's degree from Tufts University in 1974. In 1985, she graduated from Vermont Law School with a joint degree--a Master's of Studies in Environmental Law and a J.D.

Rep. Weber is a former member of the Walpole Zoning Board of Adjustment and a former president of the Friends of the Walpole Town Library.

Rep. Weber served the last three terms on the Judiciary Committee. She chaired the Legislative Administration Committee in the 2009-2010 session. In the 2011-2012 session, she also served on the Special Committee on Redistricting, as an Assistant Democratic Leader, and as House Minority Parliamentarian. She served three terms on the Executive Committee of the Cheshire County Delegation, and has been Vice Chair and Chair of the Cheshire County Delegation.